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SUBJ: LETTER FROM TURKISH PERMREP TO SYG

MISSION HAS RECEIVED "BOOTLEG" COPY OF A LETTER (TEXT BELOW)
FROM AMBASSADOR ERALP (TURKEY) TO SYG LUNS DATED FEB 20, 1975.
THE LETTER IS CRITICAL OF LUNS FOR FAILING TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC
STATEMENT CONCERNING THE EFFECT ON ALLIANCE SECURITY OF U.S.
SUSPENSION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. WE UNDERSTAND LUNS' STAFF
DOES NOT PLAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT RESPONDING TO ERALP'S LETTER
UNTIL AFTER LUNS RETURNS TO BRUSSELS.

BEGIN TEXT:

MY DEAR SECRETARY GENERAL,

I AM INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO BRING TO
YOUR KIND ATTENTION A FEW POINTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
RECENT EVENTS CONCERNING TURKEY AND OUR REGION.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, BETWEEN 1964 AND THE PRESENT
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TIME, DURING MOST OF WHICH PERIOD THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS
ENTRUSTED WITH A WATCHING BRIEF, ANUMBER OF SERIOUS DEVELOP-
MENTS AND TRAGIC EVENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN CYPRUS, AND MOST
OF THE DEVELOPMENTS DURING THAT PERIOD HAVE HAD THE EFFECT

OF VICIMIZING THE TURKISH COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS. YOU WILL, OF COURSE, REALIZE THAT TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION MAY INEVITABLY COMPARE YOUR PRESS STATEMENT OF FEB 14 ON THE "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS" IN CYPRUS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S ACTION, OR INACTION, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF HIS WATCHING BRIEF ON THE OCCASION OF PAST TRAGIC EVENTS AND WILL DRAW CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS. AT ANY RATE, TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION WILL FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD BE DRIVEN TO SUCH A PUBLIC STATEMENT OF CONCERN BY AN ACTION WHICH IS NO MORE THAN AN INTERNAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY AND THE REASONS FOR WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY FULLY EXPLAINED. HAD IT BEEN THE PRACTICE FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO MAKE SUCH A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF EVERY EVENT IN CYPRUS IN THE PAST, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TO A CERTAIN EXTENT UNDERSTANDABLE THAT CONCERN SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY EXPRESSED ON THIS OCCASION AS WELL, EVEN THOUGH SUCH CONCERN COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SHARED BY US. MY GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, HAS VIEWED WITH REGRET THE PRESS STATEMENT OF 14 FEB.

MY AUTHORITIES ARE ALSO AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND YOUR RELUCTANCE TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF THE CUTTING OFF OF UNITED STATES MILITARY AID AND SALES TO TURKEY. IT WOULD THUS APPEAR THAT YOUR THINKING IS IN LINE WITH THOSE WHO WOULD TEND TO ESTABLISH A CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS QUESTION AND THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS OF COURSE INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS ON ACCOUNT OF HIS WATCHING BRIEF. YET IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN THE CALAMITOUS EFFECTS OF THE UNITED STATES EMBARGO ON ALLIANCE DEFENCE AND THE SITUATION OF GRAVE CONCERN FOR THE ALLIANCE ARISING FROM THE DECLARATION OF AN EMBARGO BY ONE ALLY AGAINST ANOTHER. THESE CONSIDERATIONS WOULD SURELY OUTWEIGH CONSEQUENCES OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ADOPTED IN CYPRUS. MY GOVERNMENT FAILS TO FIND AN EXPLANATION FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RELUCTANCE TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF THE EMBARGO WHILE GOING ON THE RECORD ON
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A QUESTION OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE.

PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER UNITED STATES LEADERS HAVE PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT IN THEIR VIEW THE DECISION OF THE CONGRESS WILL CREATE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ALLIANCE AND THAT IT IS IMPROPER TO CORRELATE THE QUESTION OF MILITARY AID TO THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS. YOU WILL RECALL THAT PRESIDENT FORD STATED ON FEB 5 THAT -IT SHOULD E
MADE CLEAR THAT MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IS NOT GIVEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE, NOR HAS IT BEEN GRANTED AS A FAVOR TO TURKEY. RATHER IT IS BASED ON OUR COMMON CONCLUSIONS THAT THE SECURITY OF TURKEY IS VITAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND TO THE SECURITY OF THE

UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES." AGAIN, ON FEB 16,
PRESIDENT FORD, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, STATED THAT THE
DECISION OF CONGRESS WAS NOT ONLY LIABLE TO WEAKEN NATO AND
TO ALIENATE A LOYAL ALLY, BUT ALSO WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE OF NO
BENEFIT EITHER TO GREECE OR TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. THIS
STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT FORD CAME THREE DAYS AFTER THE "RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS" IN CYPRUS WHICH, WE NOTE WITH REGRET, THE
SECRETARY GENERAL TENDS TO VIEW AS BEING RELATED TO MILITARY
AID. IN THE LIGHT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENTS THE SILENCE
OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO ON THE QUESTION OF AID WILL
AT LEAST GIVE RISE TO THE IMPRESSION THAT HE DOES NOT SHARE
THOSE VIEWS. MY GOVERNMENT THERFORE BELIEVES THAT IT MIGHT
BE USEFUL NOT ONLY FOR TURKEY BUT FOR THE HOLE ALLIANCE IF
THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE
QUESTION AS HE HAD FORMERLY PROMISED TO DO.
SINCERELY, (ORHAN ERALP)
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